

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19573

The Redistricting Commission will be formed by order of the Secretary of State in June, 2011, and will have 90 days to complete its work. This bill establishes the rate of compensation for the Redistricting Commissioners. Ten years ago, for the 2000 redistricting process, the rate of compensation was tied to a statutory reference to Legislative pay which no longer exists. The rate of pay at that time was \$50 per day plus reimbursement for travel, food and lodging. This bill reestablishes the rate of pay at \$75 per day plus reimbursement for travel, food and lodging.

FISCAL NOTE

Compensation for the Redistricting Commissioners is a minor part of the costs for the redistricting process. In 2001 the total for all six commissioners for their compensation amounted to \$7,000 and their per diem expenses were \$10,500. The total cost of the 2001 redistricting process including staff support, technology and supplies was \$497,500. A similar budget is being considered for the 2011 redistricting process which totals about \$424,000 of which about \$20,000 will be budgeted for Commissioners compensation and per diem. The actual number of meeting days required to complete the process will determine the final costs.

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